

## **THE U.S EMBASSY AMBASSADOR'S HIV/AIDS COMMUNITY GRANTS**

The Ambassador's HIV/AIDS Community Grants program, funded by the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) assists small grassroots, community-run projects in Lesotho. It aims to strengthen health service delivery in communities affected by HIV/AIDS and supports community groups in efforts such as:

- Support for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC).
- Support for community-based HIV and AIDS palliative care and home health care.

Grants are awarded to projects that will support these needy communities. This new program started in 2008 with \$75,000 awarded to 14 community-initiated projects.

### **CRITERIA FOR FUNDING**

Applicants must make significant voluntary contributions, such as money, labor or other services to their projects. The greater the involvement and contribution from the local community, the more likely the project grant will be successful. After the money is used, the project must be able to continue on its own or with help from the community.

Each organization that is funded will be required to measure and report on the results it achieves with the grants.

Examples of acceptable uses of Community Grant Funding include:

- Home-based caregiver kits and medical supplies.
- Training for staff and volunteers.
- Prevention and Awareness campaigns, workshops and outreach sessions to the community.
- Equipment for OVC centers.
- Educational materials and training supplies.
- Equipment for income generation activities.
- Ongoing administration or operating costs, such as stipends or rent. Note that these should only account for a portion of a comprehensive grant proposal.

### **LIMITATIONS OF THE HIV/AIDS COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM**

Organizations that already receive direct funding or substantial support from the U.S. Government are ineligible for funding.

The grants are awarded for a one year period. Requests to renew a grant for up to three years will be carefully reviewed and may be granted in exceptional circumstances. Grants generally amount to US \$10,000. In special circumstances grants can be awarded up to US \$20,000.

Unfortunately the program can't fund private businesses, private crèches or public schools. This program can not contribute to a building fund nor can it pay for motorized vehicles, food or school uniforms.

### **WHEN TO APPLY**

To be considered for funding, you must complete the application form and submit the requested documents by 1 February. Projects that are accepted will receive their first portion of funding late in the year.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

To receive more information and an application form for the Ambassador's HIV/AIDS Community Grants program, write to or visit personally:

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